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therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-369154, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0194618;

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-230946, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-161663, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family U.S. Patent 6,580,870;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-123389, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Patent No. 2813245, together with a partial English language translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application. *11/20/05
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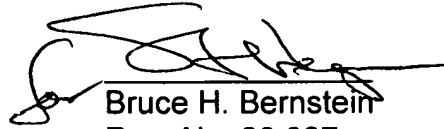
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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